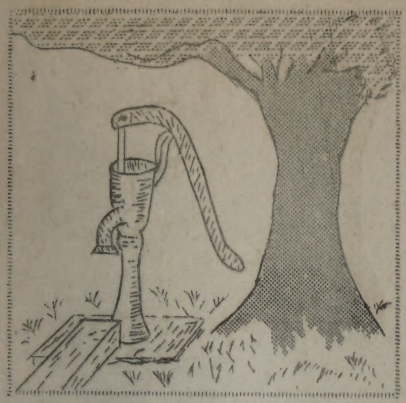

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Town Meeting

There were none of the regularly anticipated heated exchanges of expression at our annual Town Meeting the other night in spite of the 125 persons who crowded into the Town Hall. Appropriations and warrants were voted through unchallenged in spite of the knowledge that the Tax rate would take a sharp rise. In one sense, it was a tribute to the Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the various department heads who had previously labored to drain the excess out of their budgets.

One spectacular rise which reflects the seriousness of our past Winter was the tripling of the snow removal budget-from 3 thousand to 9 thousand dollars.

A hundred dollars was appropriated to repair the Engine House when Fire Chief W. Walker reported a sill was badly rotted on one side of the building.

Two hundred dollars was appropriated for a so-called Sewer Pump for pumping out flooded cellars or wells. The fire Department has been using the regular fire engine pumps for the work, but the sand and grit has tended to damage the pumps.

Because the town has been unable to buy land for a town dump, a warrant was passed authorizing the selectmen to take suitable land by eminent domain. Everybody figured it would be the other fellows land.

Undoubtedly the reason for such a large turnout at the meeting was fine work done by the P.T.A. to get backing for a warrant asking for the appointment of a committee to submit plans and specifications for the erection of a Town Hall or a Community Auditorium.

The Warrant was speedily approved and a committee consisting of Asa Allen, Milton Barrett, and Frank Lyman was appointed. A sum of two hundred dollars was voted to have the plans drawn up. We think the idea is a fine one and a needed one, and we believe the initiative and planning is in good hands.

At this time, we would like to appeal to you boys in the service once more concerning our proposed new hall. Do you want one? If so, let us know. What facilities should it contain? Just keep your dreams within reach of the poor tax payer, and don't forget you'll be one very soon again we hope.

At the election held during the day, 172 votes were cast. The following were elected to office: Luther H. Hayes, moderator; John Mossman, selectman; Louis Sears, tax collector; Howard Damon, board of public welfare; Louis Sears, auditor;

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Gordon Hargraves, Auditor; Edwin J. Lyman, School committee; William S. Greene, cemetary commissioner; Ruth D. Brooks, Martha W. Foster and Waino I. Pernaa, library trustees; Howard Damon, constable; Carl Foster, park commissioner; Irving P. French, tree warden.

At a meeting of the Board of Registrars held Feb. 21st, ten new names were added to the list of voters, making a total registration of 564. The men lead with 302; number of women voters 262. This is the largest registration in the history of the town.

While we are on figures, it may be of interest to know that the State census for the town has just been compiled by Mrs. Stewart Blackwood, and shows a total population for Ashby of 1110-an increase over 1940 census of 84.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS

Sgt. Luther H. Hayes Jr. U.S.M.C.R. recently spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Hayes. He is stationed at the Naval Ammunition Depot at Iona Island, N.Y.

Leonard A. Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Hayes, has recently been promoted to Aviation Machinists Mate, first class (AMM1/c). He has been stationed for the past 17 months at the Naval Air Base at Atlanta, Ga.

Marjorie Bennett, daughter of Mr.& Mrs. Frank D. Bennett, has been promoted to First Lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corps. She is stationed at the Mason General Hospital at Brentwood, N.J.

Barbara Bennett Jackson recently received a package containing several gifts which her husband Sgt. Harold Jackson bought in Paris. "Jack", as we call him, is with Patton's 3rd Army in Germany.

Late News: Barbara received a telegram from the Government on Sunday, March 11, stating that her husband, Harold Jackson has been missing in action since Feb. 24.

Rauni Honkala has recently been inducted into the army and is stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Robert Varney has completed a trip across the Atlantic to LeHavre, France and Southampton, England. "Bob" likes being a member of the Merchant Marine and is looking forward to another trip after the completion of a furlough at his home.

Ellen Hugo has completed her basic training as a cadet nurse at the Waltham Hospital and recently spent a leave at her home. She has been assigned as an instructor at the hospital and in May will receive a certificate of graduation.

Cpl. Richard Wilkinson has recently written his wife about the interesting experiences he had making a visit to the Isle of Capri. He spent the night there as a guest of the Air Corps at the Hotel Pagano Vittoria.

Richard says: "The ride out on the steamer was sort of a busman's holiday, but well worth it. We didn't arrive there until nearly dark, so couldn't do much sightseeing.

Upon reaching the dock, we had supper at 6:00 P.M. in the dining room with plates, silverware and tablecloths-just like home.

After eating, we went shoping in a few of the little shops. We then strolled around the quaint streets in the village until midnight before returning to the hotel. This hotel is reserved for enlisted men of the Air Corps as a rest area.

We had to get up at 6:30 and after breakfast take the "Funicolare" back down to the dock and our "vacation" was over, with the steamer trip back.

His wife also received a

beautiful hand-painted Valentine with a hand-painted sketch of himself made by an Italian at the Red Cross Club in Italy.

When German Prisoners of war taken in in Nonschau, referred with grim admiration to the American "Panzer Grenadiers," they were speaking of the 38th cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron of which Warren Elliott was a member. The troopers met and repulsed four attacks despite the pressure of enemy paratroopers who had landed in their rear. They held fast and denied the enemy access to important roads which would have enabled Von Runstedt to expand. Warren, as a member of the 38th Division has been fighting on the continent since D plus 6. They were the first unit to enter Paris last August, and since then have been hitting into the Siegfried line.

Back in those dark days of the Nazi breakthrough in December, one of the heroic groups which held up the advance was the 168th Combat Engineers. With that group was Wallace Elliott.

Their orders were to establish a road block east of St. Vitte, which they did for five terrible days in spite of not only enemy infantry fire but also enemy tank pounding. They were finally relieved by the 7th Armored Division and worked their way back to Allied lines through enemy fire as in the meantime the Germans had encircled the area.

Clarence Elliott writes:"I was intending to write to the committee of the Town Pump and thank them for it, but it was impossible for me to write at the time I received it.

Wallace and I were in the thick of it when the Germans came into Belgium, Dec. 16th. We were together an hour before it happened. Then we were separated and I haven't seen him since as he is in a hospital in Luxemburg.

I lost everything I had, even the Christmas packages that I had already received, but I'm thankful that Wallace and I are alive.

John Arenius, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Arenius, West Main Street, has been promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Arenius is serving as a Radio Repairman in a Signal Company of the 9th Air Force Service Group in France. The young man is a graduate of Ashby High, class of 1941 and was a member of the basketball team. He has been in Belgium and Germany. At Christmas time, his group gave a party for the French children, which was most appreciated.

A recent letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leighton from their son, Pfc. "Dick" Leighton of the Marines, located somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, asked for a fishing reel and large hooks. Dick writes that he and his buddies have had good luck catching fish, but that with better equipment, he is sure results will be better.

Mr. Leighton was fortunate in finding just what his Marine son wanted at Ed. Simond's Sporting Goods Store in Fitchburg. A sailor had taken a reel to "Ed" to see if he could sell it for him as he was going overseas.

Harry sent it by fast mail with the hopes that Dick would get it in time before he leaves for Tokyo.

Blair Arsenault made a crash landing in Allied territory, presumably in France, and fortunately, came out without a scratch and is now at his base. Blair is the gunner on a Liberator and has completed many missions.

We've heard that if we write any more about Sonny Walker, he wants to be called Edwin-as he's getting some razzing. OK, Edwin, we'll remember from now on.

A V-mail letter comes to us from Capt. Addison L. Clark, who is somewhere in France; "Dear Folks.

Just a note to let you know that I received the Christmas billfold safe and sound. It arrived on Christmas Eve, so I would say your timing was excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed the gift, the type and style just fills the bill. I wish to express my thanks to everyone for making such gifts possible."

Robert E. Jarvi sends a note of appreciation for the Christmas gift and the Town Pump.

Cpl. Rod Brooks writes the "Ashby Town Pump" is still his favorite news sheet and that the Christmas billfold was just what he needed.

"Cam" Piper expects to play ball somewhere in California this coming season. The first game will be with the "San Francisco Seals" which is a major league team.

Sgt. Bud Piper writes he is now stationed in the Philippines which is the nearest to civilization he has been for some time.

Pvt. Mark G. Thatcher recently spent an eight day furlough at his home after seven months at Camp Blanding, Florida. At the end of that time he reported to Ft. Meade, Maryland. Mrs. Thatcher has just returned from spending a weekend in Washington, D.C. with him.

St/Sgt. Oscar R. Fors, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Fors, is serving as a mechanic with a B24 liberator, heavy bombardment group that has flown over 400 combat missions.

Richard Robbins has been promoted to a private first class while serving with a General Hospital at an army force base in New Caledonia.

Rauni Honkala has been inducted into the Army, and after the customary first days at Devens, was sent to Camp Gordon in Georgia.

Roland Pillsbury sends thanks for his Christmas gift and for the Town Pump. He says "It's a swell paper."

Dick Piper has been honorably discharged from the Army and is now employed at the American Type Founders in Fitchburg.

From Sgt. John D. L. Bailey, now stationed in Paris, France.

"From all your letters lately I gather you people are enjoying a real old-fashioned winter. It must be wonderful and I only wish I was there to get a taste of it. France is a little different from England, in that it snows here, and reminds one more of the states. While on temporary duty, I was given a taste of what France is really like in wintertime. I saw between 16-20 inches of snow fall altogether, and was treated to plenty of good old New England wintry blasts, as well. Plenty of ice, snow and cold weather made life miserable in living out in the open, but didn't bother me too much as I was so very homesick for it.

When you see the ones responsible for the Town Pump, give them my thanks for being interested enough in my morale to send me a copy, and tell them they are doing a wonderful job in keeping their home town boys up to date in what is taking place there. It makes it much easier for us old-timers overseas to bear the separation from our homes and the town we love very much. There will be very few of us Ashby boys who will straggle off after the war to other towns and cities, because Ashby has taken such an interest in our welfare. They have really moved the town into our foxholes, slit trenches, and huts, and making us feel a

part of it, through the medium of the Town Pump. By all means, keep it up."
Sgt. John D. L. Bailey,11009557
Hqs. 63rd QM Base Depot
A.P.O. #887
c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

TOWN NEWS

Snow Again

Supplementing our weather report in the February issue, we have had MORE SNOW! The official record is now 5 feet 7 inches of the stuff, and the problem has been where to put it. The Barrett's and the Mackey's (our new friends in the Woodruff's house have particularly enjoyed it-they've been snowed in most of the time. Piper Road at the corner has drifts 10 - 15 feet high that even our best tractors couldn't cope with. Then Nourse Road running between South Village Road and Piper Road hasn't been plowed this Winter, and at one point standing on the snow drifts, one can come within a few inches of touching the telephone wires. Even on Allen Road, between Eddie Lord's and Arthur Lovelands, the snow drifts reached 12 feet. The only thing that could cope with it was Wallace Walker's new snow scoop, as the plows either couldn't budge it or would go over the drifts.

The Annual Meeting of the Ashby Red Cross was held in the home of Mrs. Arthur Wass, Feb. 28, 1945, at eight o'clock. Officers were re-elected as follows:

Chairman: Mrs. A. L. Wass.
Vice Ch.: Mrs. Geo. Seymour
Treas.: Mrs. Louis Sears

A new Secretary, Mrs. Mark Thatcher was elected to take the place left by Mrs. Harold Foster.

Visitors from Fitchburg included, Mrs. Nancy Casey, Executive Secretary of the Fitchburg Branch, Mrs. C. Cameron Burnap, Chairman of the Volunteer Branch, and Mr. Victor Blaine, Chairman of the War Drive in Fitchburg.

The meeting ended with the adoption of the slogan: "A Red Cross sticker in every home."

Airbound?

Imagine walking out in the field back of Lyman School- waving your arms vigorously-- and suddenly out of the blue sky, or more likely a snow storm--according to present winter records--dropping peacefully earthward comes a passenger helicopter to transport you to Boston, Worcester or way station.

Such a happening is now entirely in the field of romance, according to a communication received by the Selectmen from the President of the Checker Taxi Company of Boston.

It is proposed to furnish freight as well as passenger service at rates comparable to taxi cab fares as soon as suitable equipment can be obtained.

Whether such service will ever reach Ashby is problematic.

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Mrs. Carl Foster has returned to her home after receiving treatment at the Burbank Hospital. The Editors staff has certainly missed her, and we'll be looking forward to having her back with us soon. Mr. Harold White has joined us at work and we know you'll enjoy his writings.

Speaking of new members, Mrs. Mark Thatcher(Lois White) is now helping us considerably with the typing.

Deaths:

On Feb. 11, Franz Webster Carter, aged 82, died at his home on Main St. For the past year he has been ill and confined to his home. The bulk of his estate was left to the Massachusetts General Hospital to be known as the Franz Webster Carter Fund.

On February 22, Kendall Crocker, aged 81, died at his home in Fitchburg, He is survived by three grandsons;

Philip, Kendall and Donald, who is now in the South Pacific.

Jarcy's Paper Drive

One of the most successful waste paper drives ever conducted in Ashby was recently completed. In spite of one of the roughest Winter days in January, members of the Jarcy Club under supervision of John Mossman collected over 2-1/4 tons of paper. After several postponments due to storms and impassable roads, the drive was concluded late in February when about 2-1/2 tons were collected. This total of nearly 5 tons was sold for $80. To collect this amount of waste paper, these youngsters worked hard and, carefully supervised by John Mossman, deserve much credit for aiding in this vital need for waste paper. The proceeds will be used for expenses to continue the recreation program of the club.

On March 16, the Jarcy Club is sponsoring a dance at the First Parish Hall. They are having Eddie Hamilton's Orchestra, made possible thru the generosity of Mr. Barney Wilson. The hall is to be decorated as a cabaret, with individual tables, gay cloths, and all the fixings. The admission charge will be 40¢ and there are chances being taken on a basket of fruit. The dance is being conducted by the Student Committee composed of Laura Suokko, Ruth Maki, Phyllis Cheney, Raili Honkala, Eddy Lord, Billy Tiilikkala Harold and Bob Brand.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

Elroy Walker	Apr.	5
Marjorie Bennett	"	7
John Nattala	"	26
Leon Pinco	"	29
Arthur Foresman	"	30
Roderick Brooks	"	30

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NOW

Grange Notes

On March 1st, Ashby Grange observed Past Masters night at their regular meeting with six of the thirteen living past masters present, and conducting the opening and closing ceremonies of the meeting.
Mrs. Florence Jacobson-Master
Mr. Franklin Ingerson-Overseer
Mr. Harold Cox- Steward
Mrs. Caroline Wilkinson-Secretary
Mrs. Lucy Bingham-Ass't St'd
Mrs. Doris Davis-Lady St'd

After the business meeting the Past Masters put on a very delightful and amusing program with skits, music, a style show by the men, reminiscent stories of by gone events and happenings in the grange, which were very amusing, an original poem, concerning all past masters of the Grange, from the first one, Joel Hayward, in 1888, who served three years, up to our present Master Hortense Ekola.

There have been 31 masters: 24 men and 7 women. This poem originally started by a late Sister, Flora Ingerson, and brought up to date by our presiding Lecturer, Bernice Curran, was read by Sister Ethel Brewer and was very interesting to the old as well as the new members.

Brief notes were read from the past masters unable to be present: Wm. S. Greene, John Brewer, Henry Houghton.

The Grange voted their annual Red Cross Donation in the new 1945 drive. We are working on the Waste Paper Drive this month. There is to be a grange Clean-up Day in the hall and then we expect to put up new window shades and curtains before our Degrees and Inspection. Everyone is busy with degree rehersals and our scheduled Dance, March 9, in the First Parish Hall.

Ashby Grange sends Easter greetings and the best of luc k for a safe return to all Service Members in the Armed Forces. Until next month when we hope to have more news for you, Good luck.

Belated News

Arthur Foresman, AMM2/c, was home on furlough during December. He had been stationed in Hawaii for eighteen months. He arrived on the Pacific coast, November 17th, and after receiving orders, left for Ashby and arrived home, after a short stop over in New York, on December 4th.

On Friday evening, December 15th, he was married at the home of his parents and Grandmother Foresman, to Miss Jacqueline Lamontagne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lamontagne of New Ipswich, by Rev. Lionel Whiston, pastor of the Calvinistic Congregational Church of Fitchburg. The couple were attended by Sgt. Luther H. Hayes, Jr., Raymond Wilkinson, and Miss Elaine Lamontagne, sister of the bride. The service was attended by the families of the bride and groom, Mrs. Lionel Whiston, Richard Piper and Miss Betty Foresman.

Luther and Raymond "took 'em for a ride" somewhere toward Worcester to start their honeymoon, and a week later, they returned to spend the balance of Arthur's furlough with their families and friends.

On December 29th the bride and groom left for a trip to New York and Chicago and to Ottumwa, Iowa, their final destination, at which place they are making their home while Arthur is on duty at the Naval Air Base there.

Their home address is 311 Carlyle St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

BIRTHS

A son, Arnold Brooks Piper, 2nd to Seaman 1/c and Mrs. Arnold B. Piper on March 3, 1945 at the Lucy Helen Hospital, Fitchburg, Mass.

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A card was received Mar. 10, by Mr.& Mrs. John Rajala from Allan Kangas, who is being held as prisoner of war in Germany. The card was dated Nov. 12, 1944. He said he is OK and had received their letter which took three months to reach him. Allan has been doing quite a lot of drawing and is planning on taking up Commercial Art when he gets back. His rating is Staff Sergeant.

Just Drifting

I remember way back in my childhood,
And that was a long time ago,
A poet had written some verses,
He called it, "The First Fall of Snow".

We were told, "It began in the gloaming,
And busily throughout the night,
It was covering fields and the highways,
With a silence both shining and white."

Now we know when this last snowstorm started,
For we watched the barometer drop,
The one thing the poet didn't tell us,
Was just when the darn thing would stop.

He said,"Ermine too dear for an Earl,
Had covered each limb, branch and root,"
That Earl is welcome to my share,
And I'll add mysnow shovel to boot."

Now as the "Silence" he mentioned,
It keeps me awake every night,
For the wind blew the bricks off my chimney,
I'm most thankful my hair is on tight!

I'm sure that this bard has departed,
I know he's no longer alive,
For he never would pen such a poem,
In the winter of One Nine Four Five.

Harold A. White

Sophomore and Junior Activities

On April 21st, the Sophomore Class of the High School, will conduct a public dance at 8:00 P.M. in First Parish Hall. The music will be furnished by the renowned Blue Jackets Orchestra. Townsfolk will remember this orchestra which has played here in former times and will be sure to enjoy themselves. Also refreshments will be served. The climax to the dance will be choosing the winner of the door prize. The prize is a complete chichen dinner (Not cooked) supplied by the Sophomores.

In May, the Juniors will put on the annual Prom. It will be held on May 18 in the First Parish Hall. As yet the Juniors have not acquired an orchestra. The Prom will be a semi-formal affair. As in other years, the Juniors will look forward to having a large crowd at their social.

The Junior Class also will sponsor the Senior Reception which will be in June. Members of the faculty and Senior Class will be in the receiving line and the Juniors will acquaint the public with them. Although plans are indefinite as yet, the Juniors wish to hold the Reception in the Ashby Tavern as in preceding years, and to have Eddie Hamilton and Co. for the musical entertainment.

Both Juniors and Sophomores are looking forward to acquiring class rings this year. Because of the delay in getting such rings these classes have sent their orders in early.

The Juniors also are busy deciding upon their class banner, motto and colors.

Ernestine Hugo

Hereafter, each month we plan to have a full page of school news. These articles will be written by the students under the supervision of Miss Dufresne.

Activities of the Seniors

The beginning of the school term saw a new member enter the Senior class. He is Harold Brand, whose family has just moved here from Vermont. Elmi Frigard left so the Seniors are still the same in number as last year.

The Seniors still have a great deal to accomplish before the night of graduation. Just now, they are trying to rehearse for a three-act play called "Good Glory". Due to the small number of Seniors they have gained the help of some of the Juniors to complete the cast. The following people compose it: Drina Hatfield, the maid-Irma Haapala; Agnes Witherspoon, Sam's daughter-in-lay--Eileen Shattuck; Todhunter Trevelyan, Kit's fiance'-Albert Schlemmer; Roma Trevelyan, Tod's sister-Ruth Maki;KIt Witherspoon, Sam's oldest grandaughter-Arlene Brewer; George Darnell, a secretary-Donald Rackliffe; Samuel Witherspoon, a wealthy retired business man-Harold Brand; David Jordan, a young lawyer-Walfred Hill; Glory Witherspoon, Sam's Grandaughter from Missouri-Evelyn Simonds; Maria Coggles and Caleb Coggles, Glory's maternal grandparents-Barbara Bailey and Victor Suokko.

General Chairman-Phyllis Cheney; Art Supervision-Phyllis Cheney and Doris Aho; Announcer-Phyllis Cheney.

Ushers: Head Usher-Dorothy Moore; Dorothy Hugo, Doris Flinkstrom, Pauline Goguen, Esther Joki, Phyllis Aho, Nancy Thibeault.

"Good Glory's" plot revolves around the idea of who will inherit the money of the wealthy relative who is going to die soon. Agnes, a widow, is planning to re-marry as soon as she inherits the large sum of money. George, her fiance, is urging her to marry him, at the same time, is intending to really marry Roma. When Glory Witherspoon appears, Kit, Agnes and George plot so that she will displease her grandfather and thus be eliminated from his will. Sam Witherspoon dies and the family finds that Sam has made a new will leaving everything to

Glory: George refuses to marry Agnes, Roma throws George over, and Glory Witherspoon "gets" her love, David Gordon.

This play is to be given on April 6th and 7th, one week before the Senior's trip to New York. On this trip, they plan to spend all their money they have reaped in the past four years and have asked Mr. Pernaa, the school's principal, to help relieve them of the burden of such a large amount at the Hotel New Yorker where they have reservations.

After the trip they have scheduled a long rest to recover from the brief visit of New York.

During this time they will prepare the speeches that will be presented on Graduation night, but still they will be also looking forward to the Senior Reception sponsored by the Juniors which will be given early in June. Little is then left to them to do but to say "goodbye" to their Alma Mater and leave to go into the wide world and seek their fortunes.

Phyllis Cheney and
Eileen Shattuck

Basketball

Of the season December 1944 to March 1945, Ashby has participated in many of the basketball activities.

The girls' team included a set of twelve girls; Phyllis Aho, Eileen Shattuck, Pauline Goguen, Jean Griffin, Doris Aho, Laura Suokko, Evelyn Simonds, Iris Boudreau, Lois Bernhardt, Betty Walker, Dorothy Sallinen and Barbara Bailey, also Raili Honkala, who acted as a companion manager.

The Progressive Betty Hannant, acting as the girls teams' coach, held practices at least two times a week to put the twelve ballerets into trim.

This season the Wachusetts League was started by the surrounding towns. For each team in a town, boys and girls, were scheduled sixteen league games.

The Ashby boys team, being the progressive one, proved to be quite industrious, with the following working hard for victory; Harold Brand, Walfred Hill, Paul Bernhardt, Edwin Lord, Paul Foresman, William Tiilikkala, "Bobby" Brand, George Johnson, Richard Shattuck and William Underhill.

Coach Pernaa, also, held two practices a week, which proved to be very helpful in the Ashby-Townsend game.

In addition to the League games, there were the tournament which were held at the Y.M.C.A. in Fitchburg (for boys), Littleton (for girls) and the Townsend (for boys). Ashby participated in all three tournaments.

The Ashby ballerets, after a hearty game, lost to Westminster for the second time, by five points. The Ashby boys won their first game at the Y.M.C.A. by one point to Templeton High School. For their next try in the "Y" tournaments, which if won would hold the championship for Ashby, was a game with Conant. Ashby, although after a good game, lost to this East Jaffrey team by three points. Lastly the Ashby High boys play Littleton High in the Townsend tournaments.

Doris Aho

An Editor's Appeal

This issue has come out later than we had hoped it would, due principally to the fact that we had little or no news when we assembled to edit the "Town Pump".

We are not mind readers, and we can only edit what YOU write to us or for us.

This appeal is not only to the boys in the Services but to their relatives and friends. We also appeal to our local organizations for news of their own activities or of their boys in the Armed Forces.

In Memoriam

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